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Division of Forestry Wildland Firefighters Aid Arizona

FRANKFORT, KY (June 29, 2017) – The Kentucky Division of Forestry announced today they were sending 15 firefighters to Arizona to assist with the fires near San Carlos, AZ.

The firefighters gathered in London yesterday to meet up with the rest of the 20 person crew consisting of firefighters from the Daniel Boone National Forest and the Cumberland Gap National Park. They left London yesterday afternoon and are expected to arrive tomorrow, June 30. There are currently 28 fires burning in Arizona which are impacting thousands of acres and multiple communities.

The U.S. Forest Service notified the division Wednesday that assistance was needed. The division has a cooperative agreement with the Forest Service to provide assistance during forest fire emergencies.

"Since fire danger in Kentucky is currently low, we are happy to be able to provide some help," said James Wright, director of the Kentucky Division of Forestry. "We are very familiar with how vital out-of-state resources are during such emergencies."

To see updates on the Kentucky fire crew check the division's Facebook page under Kentucky Division of Forestry.

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